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OIL GIANT — The world's tallest offshore oil-drilling platform is towed toward its destination in the Gulf of Mexico near New Orleans, Louisiana. Named Bullwinkle, after an American cartoon character, the 50,000-ton rig measures 411 meters in length. When the deck and drilling rigs are installed, the structure will stand 492 meters above the seafloor, making it some 50 meters higher than the world's tallest building, the Sears Tower in Chicago, Illinois. Initial oil production is scheduled to begin in early 1989. It was constructed by Gulf Marine Fabricators, Inc. of Ingleside, Texas.

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